



In other news

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Expanding Your Horizons conference a success in Santa Fe

Encouraging young women to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education was the focus of the Fall 2017 Santa Fe [Expanding Your Horizons](#), a conference presented by STEM Santa Fe and hosted by Santa Fe Community College on October 21. Los Alamos National Laboratory and Los Alamos National Security, LLC, were proud to support the event.

Nearly 200 fifth- through eighth-grade girls attended the conference, which featured 16 workshops, a STEM and college careers fair, and a keynote address by Jessica Perea Houston, associate professor in the Chemical and Materials Engineering department at New Mexico State University. “This conference provides a unique opportunity for girls to experience STEM careers first-hand,” says Lina Germann, CEO of STEM Santa Fe.

“The girls usually start the day shy and by lunchtime, you can see the spark in their eyes and the excitement in their voices. These reactions are the main inspiration for all the hard work our planning committee put in.”

The environmental technician training program is free, and students may also be eligible for a \$250 travel stipend.

New environmental technician training program at Santa Fe Community College

A free five-week intensive environment job training program begins at Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) in January. Funded by a grant from the EPA, the program is aimed at people currently unemployed, underemployed or low income, and prepares its graduates for jobs as environmental technicians. Graduates receive federal and state certifications including General Hazardous Waste Site Worker, Forklift Operator and OSHA Construction Standards. The Lab is a partner in the program.

An orientation session for those interested in the program takes place on November 14 at 6 p.m. in room 209 at SFCC. For more information contact Janet Kerley at janet.kerley@sfcc.edu

In 2017, 111 Northern New Mexico students received scholarships from Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund, including those pictured here at the scholarship award ceremony in July.

Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund application deadlines approaching

Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund (LAESF) is now accepting applications for 2018 awards. The largest scholarship pool in Northern New Mexico, LAESF supports students from Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe and Taos counties pursuing higher education in all fields of study. Laboratory employees and Lab operator Los Alamos National Security, LLC support the fund financially, and applications are accepted from all eligible students in the seven-county area.

High school seniors enrolling in or undergraduates currently attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution in pursuit of a four-year degree may apply for awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000. Application deadline for traditional four-year scholarships is January 17, 2018, with awards announced in spring.

Scholarships of \$1,000 are also available for nontraditional students seeking a two-year degree or certification through the Regional College/Returning Student program. Deadline to apply for these scholarships is November 28, 2017, with awards announced in January 2018.

Detailed criteria and online applications are [available here](#).

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